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## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

August 28, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2006 meeting.

The motion passed with Mr. Haddad and Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

### III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

### IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Sharry Goldman, 87 Brown Road, asked the Council to continue to be mindful of the Community Center. She expressed skepticism regarding the true deficit of the operation and urged a discussion of the policy of user fees. She also urged members to revisit the new fees for young adults who are part of a family membership.

### V. PUBLIC HEARING

#### 1. An Ordinance Regarding Landlord Registration

Mayor Paterson called the public hearing to order at 7:45.

Pat Hempel, 28 Holly Drive, requested that the Council not lose sight of the main concern and that is the problems that town residents are experiencing in established neighborhoods in town. Absentee landlords, the number of students in rental properties and the upkeep of these properties are all of great concern to the residents of town.

Mr. Haddad moved to advance Item 6 under New Business as the next item of business. Seconded by Mr. Clouette the motion passed.

#### 6. Appointment of Town Manger

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, that Matthew W. Hart be appointed Town Manager of the Town of Mansfield effective no later than

December 2, 2006 and that the Mayor of Mansfield, Elizabeth Paterson, be authorized to sign the Town of Mansfield Town Manager Employment Agreement 2006.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad outlined the nationwide process undertaken by the Council in order to find the very best candidate. An initial pool of 48 candidates was narrowed to 5 highly qualified applicants who were then interviewed by Council members. Mentored by Mr. Berliner, Mr. Hart has the experience and dedication to be a fine town manager.

Mr. Paulhus noted that the consultant, Peter Curry, reviewed all the applications and that the Personnel Committee narrowed the search prior to the Town Council interviews. The candidates came from across the country.

Mayor Paterson expressed her pleasure with the process and the results. She thanked Peter Curry for his guidance noting that the results validate that we have the best person nationally.

Matt Hart thanked the Council noting that he is looking forward to the challenge of building upon the successes of the past and bringing the town to new heights. He commented on the uniqueness of Mansfield and the tremendous opportunity before him.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 2. An Ordinance Regarding Landlord Registration

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded, to adopt An Ordinance Regarding Landlord Registration, as prepared by staff in its draft dated August 14, 2006, and which ordinance shall become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Schaefer suggested that Section 6-D include a penalty for not maintaining an address on file. Mr. Hart, Assistant Town Manager, will look at the possibilities and report back.

Motion so passed.

3. Fenton River

In answer to questions asked at the last meeting the Town Manager reported that the reason that the requested information from UConn was not included in the analysis was that it does not exist.

4. Community/ Campus Relations

Matt Hart updated the Council on last weekend's altercation at Carriage House. He reported that there were approximately 3000 people in the Carriage House area on Saturday night, mostly cooperative. The Mayor expressed disappointment saying that she wished we could reach students and non-students and have them understand that we are a community just like the one

that they just left and that this behavior would not be tolerated in their hometowns.

5. Open Space Acquisition

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, effective August 28, 2006, to refer the potential purchase of the 45-acre Meadowbrook Lane LLC Property on Puddin Lane to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its review and to authorize staff to conduct an appraisal of the property.

Motion so passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Appointment of Town Manager

Addressed previously

7. Connecticut Strategic Prevention Framework

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded the following resolution: Resolved, effective August 28, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to submit the attached grant application to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and to execute any related grant documents.

Mr. Hawkins inquired as to the organization and membership of the Campus Community Partnership. The Mayor stated that the organization is a loosely formed group people who were originally interested in alcohol and substance abuse but whose interest have expanded. An organizational meeting is planned for this fall. The Council has not yet passed a resolution recognizing the partnership and establishing appointments to the organization. Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services, explained that the proposed grant is an opportunity to focus on younger people in the community. Motion so passed.

8. Expansion of Membership to Conservation Commission

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms Blair seconded, effective August 28, 2006, to refer the matter of the potential expansion of the membership of the Mansfield Conservation Commission to the Committee on Committees, for its review and consideration.

Motion so passed.

9. Fifth Amendment to Firefighter Agreement

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective August 28, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute the attached "Fifth Amendment to Fire Protection Agreement" between the Town of Mansfield and the Eagleville Fire Department, Inc. and the attached "Fifth Amendment to Fire Protection Agreement" between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Motion so passed with Ms. Blair abstaining.

#### 10. Town Manager Recruitment Services

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective August 28, 2006, to authorize staff to appropriate and expend no more than \$3,000 for additional work that CCM's Municipal Management Consulting Service has performed in regard to Mansfield's town manager selection process.

Motion so passed.

#### 11. \$200,000 Community Center Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project; \$1,000,000 Land Acquisition Program; \$ 3,800,000 Middle School Electrical Heating System Conversion Project.

By consensus the Town Council agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the bonding options.

#### 12. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 760, CSEA Public Works

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective August 28, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 760, CSEA-Public Works, which agreement has been revised to include certain modifications to Article IX (Sick Leave), and which agreement shall enter into effect on July 1, 2006 and expire on June 30, 2009.

Motion so passed.

### VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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### IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Caroline Redding, Chair of the Committee on Committees, recommended the appointment of Joan Terry to the McSweeney Senior Center Board of Directors and Anne Smith to the Mystic Country Tourism Board.

Motion so passed.

Gregory Haddad, Chair of the Personnel Committee, urged members to submit their manager evaluation forms.

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### X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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The Mayor expressed an interest in creating a brochure of Mansfield aimed at visitors to the area. Staff will put together what is currently available and report back to the Council

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### XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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Mr. Berliner requested that a special joint meeting with the Board of Education be held on September 18, 2006 to discuss the preliminary report from the School

## Building Committee.

The Town Manager complimented Curt Vincente and his staff on the cleaning and painting of the Community Center last week during shutdown. He also reported that Mr. Vincente approved temporary lighting at Southeast School again this year noting that there seem to be no major problems last year.

Mr. Berliner announced that Assistant Manager, Matthew Hart, has been named a credentialed manager candidate and will be a credentialed manager this January.

The Recreation Department has completed a new guide for the town's trails, "Take a walk in Mansfield's Parks and Preserves."

The Town Manager signed the Voting Technology Survey requesting the town be selected to receive the new voting machines for this fall's election. Use of the new machines is not mandated until 2007.

Mr. Berliner alerted the Council that the money received from the Pequot Fund and used to fund the capital projects will be \$400,000 less than previously reported. The staff will return to the Council with proposals for the reductions.

## XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

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## XIII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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13. Governing Magazine "Building a Town Our College Can Be Proud Of"

14. Mansfield Department of Public Works Press Release

15. Planning and Zoning Commission re: E. O. Smith High School At the Depot Road Campus

16. ICMA Public Management, August 2006, "sustainability: The Issue of our Age and a Concern for Local Government"

17. Inside Higher Ed, "Building Up College Towns"

## XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move into Executive Session. Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer.

Also Present: Martin Berliner, Town Manager, Matthew Hart, Assistant Town Manager.

Personnel Issues

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move out of Executive Session. Motion so passed.

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## XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion so passed.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk